

REMARKS

The indication that claims 12 - 21 are allowed over the prior art of record and that claims 3 - 7 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims, is acknowledged.

It is noted that the Examiner has objected to claims 1, 3, 10 - 11 and 13 and has suggested, with respect to some claims, modifications to overcome such objections, which suggestions are appreciated. By the above amendment, the objected to claims, if retained, have been amended to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner.

Furthermore, by the present amendment, claims 1, 2 and 8 - 10 which stand rejected over cited art have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof such that the rejections over the art, as set forth in the Office Action, have been obviated with claims 3, 5 and 11 being written in independent form while correcting informalities to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner such that claims 3 and 5 together with their dependent claims 4, 6 and 7 should now be in condition for allowance.

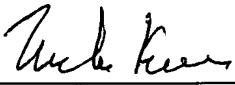
In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that all claims remaining in this application, i.e., claims 3 - 7 and 11 - 21 should now be in condition for allowance such that applicants request issuance of a notice of allowance.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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